ployers' share of PF to the Pension Fund. The proposed Scheme provides for payment of monthly pension in the contingencies of superannuation, retirement, permanent total disablement, death, etc.

(c) and (d) The proposed Pension Scheme has been considered and unanimously recommended by Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund which is a tripartite body including representatives rom the State Governments.

(e) A Bill to amend the EPF & MP Act. 1952 for empowering the Central Government to frame a Pension Scheme has been introduced in Rajya Sabha in March, 1993.

THREAT BY INTUC FOR DELAYING ACTION ON BONUS AND PENSION SCHEME

2435. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the INTUC has threatened that it would resort to "direct action" if Government delays action on bonus and pension scheme, as per news item entitled; "INTUC threatens direct action", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated December 1, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated December 1, 1993 under the caption "INTUC thereatens direct action".

(c) The Government has taken note of the demand for raising of eligibility ceiling under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 for appropriate action. As regards the Pension Scheme, a Bill has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha in March, 1993.

GRANTS FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORKERS

2436. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be please to state :

(a) the details of the voluntary organisations|Labour institutes and centres which were sanctioned grant for the welfare of the workers in Rajasthan and Orissa during each of the last two years indicating the amount of grants provided to them so far (State-wise);

(b) whether Government have undertaken any review of the working of these Organisations|Institutes|centres; if so, with what results; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor indicating when the same is proposed to be done?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) During 1991-92 in Rajasthan a sum of Rs. 2,500|- each has been released to two Voluntary Agencies namely (i) Rajasthan Int Bhatta Mazdoor Union, and (ii) Prayas Deoghar Rajasthan, under the Grants in Aid scheme for Identification and Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers. In Orissa under grant-in-aid scheme to Voluntary Agencies for benefiting Child Labour a sum of Rs. 1,24,029-| and Rs. 1,23,750|- in 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively have been released to Ruchika School, Bhubaneshwar.

(b) The amounts have been released after reviewing the progress as required under the grants-in-aid scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IN THE COUNTRY

2437. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that number of unemployed youths in the country is constantly rising;

(b) if so, their number during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to introduce a scheme of giving titles and awards to those entrepreneurs who have plans to create more jobs for jobless; and

(d) if so, by when such a scheme is likely to be implemented together with details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) The number of job-seekers not all of whom were necessarily unemployed at the end of years 1990, 1991 & 1992 were 346.3, 363.0 & 367.6 lakhs respectively.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is presently under consideration in the Ministry of Labour.

PROVISIONS FOR DIVERTING THE WAGES OF EMPLOYEES

2438. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that under the fourth Schedule, Part A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 there is no provision of diverting 1-1|6 of the wages of employees from provident fund contributions to the family pension fund;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have recently permitted such a diversion;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the number of labour organisations have represented to Government against such a diversion; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) Section 6A of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 provides for diversion of a portion of the provident fund contribution towards the family pension fund set up under the Family Pension Scheme which is in operation with effect from 01-03-1971. Under section 9 of the EPF & MP Act the Employees Provident Fund is deemed to be a recognised provident fund for the purpose of the Income Tax Act.

(d) and (e) Certain employees unions had filed writ petitions challenging the provisions of the Family Pension Scheme in the High Court of Bombay. The Court upheld the validity of the Family Pension Scheme and dismissed their petition. The petitioners have now filed a Special Leave Petition before the Supreme Court of India. The Government has asked the EPF Organisation to take necessary action for defending the case in the Court.

NEW JOBS WERE REQUIRED FOR Unemployed

2439. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as on 1st April, 1992 new jobs were required for 23 million unemployed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 35 million labour force would be added during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the projected new job requirement between 1997-2002 would be 36 million; and

(d) if so, what is the segment with estimated job absorption during Eighth Five Year Plan and what would be un-